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SUBJECT: PROSPECTIVE FRENCH NUCLEAR REACTOR SALE TO PRC

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1. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY
RESPONSE TO THE FRENCH WITH REGARD TO THE SALE OF 900 MWE
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FRAMATOME REACTOR TO THE PRC.

2. DETERMINATION OF US POSITION ON THE SALE WITH REGARD
EITHER TO COCOM APPROVAL OR PART 810 AUTHORIZATION (THROUGH
WESTINGHOUSE TO FRAMATOME) WILL REQUIRE CAREFUL ASSESSMENT
OF COMPLEX TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL ISSUES INVOLVED.

3. UNDER THE NEW U.S. NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION ACT (EXPECTED TO BE EFFECTED IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS), SUCH A SALE BY THE U.S. WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT SAFEGUARDS. IN ASSESSING THE PROPOSED FRENCH SALE, WE THEREFORE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE OUR NEW LEGISLATION INTO ACCOUNT. GIVEN THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE SALE FOR BROADER NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE NATURE OF FRENCH THINKING ON THE APPLICATION OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS TO THE SALE AND WHETHER (AND AT WHAT STAGE) THEY MAY PLAN TO RAISE THIS QUESTION WITH THE CHINESE. VANCE

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